



## DIRECTORS GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION-MIDDLE EAST REGION

### Forth Meeting (DGCA-MID/4) (Muscat, Oman, 17-19 October 2017)

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#### Agenda Item 4: Air Navigation

##### MID REGION AIM DATABASE (MIDAD) PROJECT

*(Presented by the Secretariat)*

#### SUMMARY

The aim of this paper is to present the actions taken as a follow-up to the DGCA-MID/3 Conclusion 3/4 related to the MIDAD Project.

Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3.

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The meeting may wish to recall that the DGCA-MID/3 meeting (Doha, Qatar, 27-29 April 2015), through DGCA Conclusion 3/4, agreed that the MIDAD Project (Detailed Study, implementation, operation, etc.) be managed as a TCB project under the MAEP framework; the final decision on the funding mechanism of the MIDAD Project be addressed by the MIDAD TF and MAEP SC/Board; and a progress report on the MIDAD Project be presented to the DGCA-MID/4 meeting.

#### 2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The meeting may wish to recall that a Call for Tender for the MIDAD Detailed Study was published by UAE on 25 November 2014 and offers were received from Two (2) Companies. The evaluation of the tenders was carried out by Bahrain, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, UAE and the MIDAD Support Team and reviewed by the MIDAD TF/3 meeting (Kish Island, Iran, 29-30 August 2015).

2.2 The MAEP SC/2 meeting (Cairo, Egypt, 20- 22 October 2015) reviewed the outcome of the MIDAD TF/3 meeting and agreed that it would not be possible to pursue the Call for Tender process and that in accordance with the timeframe agreed by the MAEP SC/Board for the implementation of the MIDAD project, a new Call for Tender for the development of the MIDAD Detailed Study would be issued by the ICAO TCB.

2.3 The meeting may wish to note that the MAEP Board/2 meeting (Cairo, Egypt, 11 - 13 April 2016) received with appreciation a proposal from EUROCONTROL related to the implementation of an EAD-based MIDAD, with the following main steps:

Step 1: migration of the MID States to EAD.

Step 2: establishment of an EAD-based MIDAD System.

Step 3: establishment of a MIDAD Operational Centre in the MID Region (hand-over of the MIDAD operations from EUROCONTROL to the MIDAD Service Provider).

2.4 The MIDANPIRG/16 meeting (Kuwait, 13-16 February 2017) noted that with the EUROCONTROL offer, there won't be a need for the "MIDAD Detailed Study" and recognized that this would save money, effort and time. The meeting agreed that based on the EUROCONTROL proposal, the MIDAD TF should propose a new action plan for the implementation of the MIDAD project.

2.5 The MIDAD TF/4 meeting (Cairo, Egypt, 17 May 2017) received a presentation from EUROCONTROL focussing mainly on step 1 (migration of the MID States to EAD) with some general discussion on step 2 and step 3. The presentation described the EAD vision/mission, concept and principles, services and access, governance, stakeholders, invoicing, migration and advantages. It was proposed that the cost-benefit analysis for each individual State would be provided based on States data related to the air navigation charges revenue (2015 or 2016) and their GDP for the last 3 years. It is to be noted that only few States have replied and provided the required data for the cost-benefit analysis (Iraq, Jordan, Qatar and UAE).

2.6 The MIDAD TF/4 meeting also agreed that an EAD-MIDAD Workshop be conducted in EUROCONTROL Headquarters, Brussels, Belgium from 5 to 6 October 2017 in order to discuss all the details related to the implementation of an EAD-based MIDAD project, and agree on a MIDAD implementation plan (including the transition plan and the pre-requisites for step 2 and step 3).

2.7 The EAD-MIDAD Workshop provided an opportunity to address all the questions/concerns related to MIDAD Project based on the inputs received mainly from Iraq, Saudi Arabia, UAE and the ICAO MID Office.

2.8 The MIDAD TF/4 was apprised of the outcome of the MAEP Board/3 meeting (Cairo, Egypt, 16-17 January 2017), in particular the agreement to implement each MAEP project as a standalone project. The meeting also reviewed the outcome of the Global Ministerial Aviation Summit (GMA) (Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, 29-31 August 2016) related to MID Implementation Plan (MIDIP) and agreed that MIDAD might be considered as one of the MIDIP candidate projects.

### **3. ACTION BY THE MEETING**

3.1 The meeting is invited to note the information contained in this paper, and take action, as appropriate.